

### UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION 10

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IN REPLY

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#### MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT:

Bunker Hill, CLP Metals Analysis, Data Validation

Case: 26932 SDG: MJAH64

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The following is a validation of ICP-AES and mercury analyses of five total and five dissolved water samples from the Bunker Hill project. The analyses were performed following the USEPA Contract Laboratory Program Statement of Work for Inorganics Analysis Multi-media, Multi-Concentration, ILM04.0. Analyses were conducted by Southwest Laboratories of Oklahoma, of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma. This validation was conducted for the following samples:

MJAH64 MJAH66 MJAH68 MJAH70 MJAH72 MJAH65 MJAH67 MJAH69 MJAH71 MJAH73

#### Data Qualifications

The following comments refer to the Southwest Laboratory's performance in meeting quality control specifications outlined in the CLP Statement of Work (CLP-SOW) for Inorganic Analysis, rev. ILM04.0. The comments presented herein are based on the information provided for the review.

#### 1.0 Timeliness - Acceptable

The technical (40 CFR part 136) holding time from the date of collection for mercury in water is 28 days. The holding time for the remaining metals in water is 180 days. The samples were collected on 04/13/99. Mercury analyses were completed on 04/22/99. ICP-AES analyses were completed on 05/08/99.



### 2.0 Sample Preparation - Acceptable

The samples were prepared for mercury and ICP-AES analyses on 04/22/99.

#### 3.0 Calibrations/Calibration Verifications - Acceptable

The samples were analyzed for mercury by CVAAS on 04/22/99. Initial calibration included one blank and five standards. The curve was linear with a correlation coefficient greater than 0.995.

The samples were analyzed by ICP-AES on 04/26/99 (main analyses), 05/07/99 (iron, manganese, and zinc dilutions), and 05/08/99 (zinc dilutions). The instrument was standardized according to the analytical method each day of analysis using one blank and a single calibration standard for each element.

All ICP-AES and CVAAS (mercury) calibrations were performed as required and met the acceptance criteria; therefore, no qualification was made on this basis.

Continuing calibration verifications (CCVs) are required before and after sample analysis and after every 10 samples during analysis. Mercury recoveries must be within 80-120%. Other metal recoveries must be within 90-110%. The frequency of analysis of CCVs was met. All ICP-AES and CVAAS (mercury) CCVs (initial and continuing) bracketing reported sample results met the recovery criteria; therefore, no qualification was made on this basis.

#### 4.0 Laboratory Control Samples - Acceptable

Laboratory Control samples are digested and analyzed along with the samples to verify the efficiency of laboratory procedures. All recoveries associated with reported sample results met the acceptance criteria.

#### 5.0 Blanks -

Procedural blanks were prepared with the samples to show potential contamination from the digestion or analytical procedure. If an analyte was found in the associated blank, the sample results were qualified if the analyte concentration was less than five times the analytical value in the blank.

Aluminum, calcium, chromium, iron, and zinc were detected in the preparation blank. Aluminum was detected in a couple ICP-AES continuing calibration blanks (CCBs). Magnesium had a negative value with an absolute value greater than the detection limit in one CCB. Based on blank contamination, chromium in samples MJAH65, MJAH66, MJAH67, MJAH70, MJAH72, and MJAH73 was qualified 'U', undetected.

All other sample results were greater than five times the associated

blank levels (or were already undetected) and were not qualified based on blank contamination.

#### 6.0 ICP-AES Interference Check Sample -

The interference check sample (ICS) is analyzed by ICP-AES to verify interelement and background correction factors. Analysis is required at the beginning and end of each sample analysis run and recoveries must be between 80% and 120%. All ICS recoveries associated with reported sample results were within the recovery criterion.

The raw data for a number of samples had interfering levels of iron. Analytes for which iron is an interferent were qualified as follows:

- ♦ Selenium in samples MJAH65, MJAH67, MJAH70, and MJAH72 was qualified 'UJ', estimated detection limit (possible false negatives due to high iron) or 'J', estimated (possible low bias due to high iron). Selenium in two of the three ICS-A analyses bracketing these samples had negative results with absolute values greater than the detection limit.
- ♦ Vanadium in samples MJAH65, MJAH67, MJAH70, and MJAH72 was qualified 'UJ', estimated detection limit (possible false positives due to high iron). Vanadium in two of the three ICS-A analyses bracketing these samples had results greater than the detection limit.

Some of the samples required one or more dilution runs to report iron, manganese, and/or zinc results within the instrumental linear range. The raw data for all analytes were compared using the available dilutions to see if 1) cadmium, zinc, iron, and/or manganese levels in the undiluted samples were high enough that interelement corrections may not be sufficient for the analytes that were reported from the undiluted analyses or 2) a pattern of suppression or enhancement was evident. From this comparative study, no results were qualified due to suspected interference.

#### 7.0 Duplicate Analysis - Acceptable

Duplicate analyses were done on sample MJAH64. Water duplicate results were within the  $\pm 20\%$  Relative Percent Difference (RPD) or  $\pm \text{CRDL}$  criteria for water results < 5 times the CRDL criteria.

#### 8.0 Field Duplicate Analysis - Not Applicable

Field duplicate analysis for samples in this SDG was not indicated in the field collection documentation.

#### 9.0 Matrix Spike Analysis -

Matrix spike sample analyses are done to provide information about the effect of the sample matrix on digestion and measurement methods. Matrix spike recovery must be within the limits of 75 - 125%.

Matrix spike analyses were done on sample MJAH64. All matrix spike recoveries were within the required QC limits, with the exception of selenium (51%). All selenium results were qualified 'J', estimated (possible low bias).

# 10.0 Graphite Furnace Atomic Absorption Spec (GFAAS) QC - Not Applicable -

GFAAS was not used for the analysis of these samples.

#### 11.0 ICP-AES Serial Dilution - Acceptable

Sample MJAH64 was analyzed by ICP-AES serial dilution to check for potential interferences. All analytes which exceeded the minimum concentration criterion (50 times the IDL) agreed within the 10%D criteria.

#### 12.0 Detection Limits - Acceptable

Sample results which fall below the instrument detection limit (IDL) are assigned the value of the instrument detection limit and the 'U' qualifier is attached. Contract Required Detection Limit (CRDL) standards are required to demonstrate a linear calibration curve near the CRDL. CRDL standards were run at the required frequency.

#### 13.0 Overall Assessment of the Data

This validation of the data is based on the criteria outlined in the National Functional Guidelines for Inorganic Data Review (02/94). Approximately 9% of the data was qualified based on blank contamination, interference, or matrix spike recovery. The data as qualified is acceptable for all purposes.

Below are the definitions for the National Functional Guidelines for Inorganic Data Review (02/94) qualifiers used when validating/qualifying data from Inorganic analysis.

#### DATA QUALIFIERS

- U The material was analyzed for, but was not detected above the level of the associated value. The associated value is either the sample quantitation limit or the sample detection limit.
- J The associated value is an estimated quantity.
- R The data are unusable. (Note: Analyte may or may not be present.)
- UJ The material was analyzed for, but was not detected. The associated value is an estimate and may be inaccurate or imprecise.

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Lab Name: SOUTHWEST_LA	B OF OKLAHOMA	Contract: 68	8-D5-0136	MJAH64
Lab Code: SWOK				SDG No.: MJAH64
Matrix (soil/water): W	ATER		Lab Sampl	e ID: 38058.01
Level (low/med): L	ow		Date Rece	ived: 04/14/99
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7439-92 7439-95 7439-96	-4 Magnesium -5 Manganese	1310 5930 7570 0.10	-	P_ P_ CV
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